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**A Method of Identifying Modulators of Cell
Surface Membrane Receptors Useful In The
Treatment of Disease**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED MAY 10, 2000

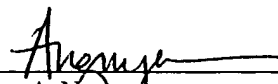
Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 10, 2000, whereby a response to such Action, with a three month extension of time request, is due on Friday, November 10, 2000. According to MPEP§710.05, when a Federal Holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding day, Friday, is considered to be a Federal Holiday. Saturday, November 11, 2000 was Veteran's Day, which was observed in the District of Columbia on Friday, November 10th. Therefore, Friday November 10, 2000 is considered a Federal Holiday. Accordingly, any action taken on the next succeeding business day, Monday November 13, 2000 is considered timely. This Response is being filed on November 13, 2000 and is therefore timely.

A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is being requested herewith. Authorization to charge \$445.00 from Account No. 50-1441 for such extension is enclosed herewith. Applicants request review of the following and reconsideration of the issues raised by the Office in the Action in light of the points and information provided herein.

Date: November 13, 2000

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